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## Emails Purporting to Come From Bishop Ketlen

There are reports from several members of the diocese who have received emails purporting to be from Bishop Ketlen. The first is a general greeting with a request to reply, and then once the individual responds, the second asks recipients to purchase gift cards for a friend of the bishop.



These are phishing or spoofing schemes. These are NOT from Bishop Ketlen and are not originating from her email account, so rest assured that her account has not been hacked. Someone IS using her name, after creating an email address that looks close enough to one that MIGHT be his that some may be fooled.

This type of deception is called “phishing” because the sender is casting out a wide net to see if someone will bite on their request. When it involves the executive of an organization, like Bishop Ketlen, it’s known as “whaling” – using the biggest “phish” the sender can find.

Delete any such emails, and then delete them from your deleted folder. Some email services, like Gmail, Outlook and Yahoo, allow you to report a suspected phishing or spam scheme. Check the help section of your email service.

If you want to see the address from which an email originates, always check the address in the “From” area of your email. If it doesn’t automatically show up, you can hover your cursor over the name, and the email address will often appear.

If you want to learn more about this kind of nefarious activity, information provided on the [Federal Trade Commission’s website](#).

And as always, if you receive a suspicious email from anyone on the diocesan staff, please check with the office, 412-721-0853.

